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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: CONTROL ACTION PLAN FOR VIETNAM

REF: SAIGON 3049

1. EA INTER- AGENCY WORKING GROUP ON NARCOTICS CONTROL HAS
REVIEWED AND APPROVED UPDATED NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION
PLAN (NCAP) FOR VIETNAM. MISSION IS COMMENDED FOR ITS
FORCEFUL ROLE IN HELPING BUILD IN VERY SHORT PERIOD OF
TIME THE VIETNAMESE STRUCTURE FOR COPING WITH NARCOTICS
PROBLEM.

2. RECENT INFORMATION INDICATES THERE ARE STILL OPIATES
ENTERING VIETNAM FROM THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE, SOME OF WHICH
APPEAR DESTINED FOR INTERNATIONAL MARKETS. AND THERE
STILL IS AN AMERICAN RESIDUE WHO CAN SERVE AS EITHER
CONSUMERS OR INSTIGATORS FOR TRAFFICKING NETWORKS TO THE
U. S- WORKING GROUP HOPES, THEREFORE, THAT MISSION WILL
CONTINUE ENCOURAGE GVN TO TAKE HARD LOOK AT ACTIVITIES OF
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FRINGE AMERICANS, CRACKING DOWN WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND TO
MOVE AGAINST MAJOR SYNDICATES.

3. A-3995 OF APRIL 20, 1972, RECOMMENDED CERTAIN AIR
TRAFFICKING INTERDICTION MEASURES FOR VIETNAM SUCH
AS MOBILE INSPECTION TEAMS FOR AIRFIELDS. SPECIAL
ATTENTION TO UNANNOUNCED FLIGHTS, TIGHTER REGULATION
OF TRANSPORT FLIGHTS, ETC. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S
COMMENTING ON PRESENT STATUS THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
SUGGEST THAT GOALS BELIEVED SUITABLE BY MISSION BE
INCORPORATED INTO FUTURE NCAP.

4. PAST NCAPS DO NOT INDICATE 'OW SEIZED NARCOTICS
ARE HANDLED BY VIETNAMESE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.
PARTICULARLY WITH RECENT SPECTACULAR SEIZURE OF OPIUM
BY VIETNAMESE NAVY, WE WOULD HOPE THAT ADEQUATE STORAGE
AND DISPOSAL SAFEGUARDS BEING BUILT IN DURING GENERAL
STRENGTHENING OF ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. REQUEST CONTINUED
MISSION SURVEILLANCE AND COMMENT.

5. NO TRAINING COMMITMENTS FOR FY 74 CAN BE MADE AT THIS
TIME PENDING REFINEMENT OF VARIOUS AGENCIES SCHEDULES AND
TRAINING PROGRAMS. WILL ADVISE WHEN MORE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE. RUSH QUNQUOTE
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